

Questions and Answers
Providence
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The purpose of this amendment is to publish unclassified answers to unclassified questions submitted against DARPA BAA HR0011120S0005, Providence, and to establish overall page limits under Volume 1, Section II and Volume 1, Section IV, highlighted in yellow on page 11 and 12 of this BAA.

Unclassified answers to unclassified questions will also be posted on the DARPA Opportunities page for this solicitation found on DARPA.mil (<http://www.darpa.mil/work-with-us/opportunities>). Answers to classified questions will be distributed to those entities to whom the Classified Addendum was sent, as noted in the BAA.

UNCLASSIFIED Q&A:

- 1. Are the TA-1 sensors and data both deliverables to the Government? If so, to whom and when?**
A. Yes – to our Contracting Officer’s Representative (NIWC-Atlantic).
- 2. Can you provide any guidelines on funds available for: (1) Program, (2) Individual performers, (3) Phase 1 versus Phase 2?**
A. No. However, the program design and intent is to offset performers’ systems integration and testing costs through the use of a Government systems integrator.
- 3. Are there any TA-1 Size, Weight, and Power (SWaP) requirements?**
A. Not specifically. See the BAA Classified Addendum for more detail.
- 4. Are TA-1 solutions that require cryo-cooling a show-stopper?**
A. No.
- 5. Is there a SWaP target for the TA-2 submissions?**
A. Not specifically. See the BAA Classified Addendum for more detail.
- 6. Is the performer expected to provide antennas?**
A. Performers may propose antenna solutions needed to enable their systems, but Providence is not an antenna program and the proposal should reflect that fact. See the BAA Classified Addendum for more detail.
- 7. While this is not an antenna program, will funding for antenna on package be considered?**
A. See questions #6 in this document.

8. Does TA-2 need to control TA-1 parameters?

A. Not required, but potentially available. See the Classified Q&A for more detail.

9. How does DARPA plan to link TA-1 and TA-2 efforts? Will DARPA define an ICD or is it expected that TA-1 and TA-2 performers will collaborate?

A. The Government systems integrator (NRL) will provide that connection based on the eventual TA-1 and TA-2 performers.

10. Will the classified briefings be provided to attendees?

A. Yes. A subset of material will be provided to anyone who received the BAA Classified Addendum.

11. Will the attendee list be provided to facilitate teaming discussions?

A. Yes.

12. Is there a security classification guide available for this effort?

A. Yes. The BAA announcements provide guidance on how to request access.

13. If we missed a deadline to request the classified artifacts for Providence, is there an option to make that request now?

A. Yes, you can still request them. Follow the guidance listed in the unclassified BAA.

14. If we have not yet received the classified addendum we requested, will we still be able to receive the industry day slides and the addendum at some point?

A. Yes (addendum and a subset of slides, as above) contingent upon safeguarding capabilities and facility clearance vetting.

15. With TA-1 and TA-2 being separate proposals and efforts, would it be a strength or weakness to approach both collaboratively?

A. DARPA cannot advise on strengths and weaknesses of proposal approaches, however a strong dependency of one system on the other creates a risk as it becomes difficult to evaluate each proposal on its own merits.

16. What is the expected range of award sizes for Providence?

A. See questions #2 in this document.

17. Are FFRDCs and UARCs allowed to respond directly or with other organizations?

A. Instructions for FFRDCs may be found in the unclassified BAA in Section III, Part A. UARCs are subject to the same submission guidelines as other proposers.

18. What is the total page limit for proposals?

A. While there is no total page limit for proposals, please refer to the revisions made to the unclassified BAA in Amendment 02, which established page limits for Volume I, Section II and Volume I, Section IV.